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On motion of Mr. Downs, Senate Bill No. 330, "An Act to provide District and County Surveyors with offices in the various districts and counties of the State," was taken up, with the message of His Excellency, the Governor, to the Senate, withdrawing his approval of the bill, to-wit:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, August 17, 1876.

To Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Sir—I have the honor to return herewith, without approval, Senate Bill No. 330, "An Act to provide District and County Surveyors with offices in the various districts and counties of the State," and respectfully ask its reconsideration. The expense which would be incurred under this bill is believed to be entirely unnecessary. During the forty years since these offices have been in existence and operation, no law is remembered authorizing such expense, and a necessity for it at this time does not seem to be greater than heretofore, when we have done well enough without it.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD COKE.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the House passed the bill by the fol-

Iowing vote:
YEAS—Adkisson, Andrews, Baker, Brooks, Campbell, Carrington, Chesley, Cochran, Coleman, Downs, Graham, Harris, Haynes, Holland, Hutchins, Kinnison, Key, Kopperl, Lathrop, McComb, McCuistian, McKinnion, Marshall, Martin, Middlebrook, Moses, Newland, Pattie, Quin, Rainey, Roberts of Harrison, Rogers, Schrier, Shaw, Stewart, Schmidt of Harris, Smith of Denton, Smyth of Limestone, Snead, Swisher, Stone, Thompson, Watts, Wilson, Young—45.

NAYS—Allison, Blackman, Boyd, Chambers, Garrison, Holly, Horton, Ikard, Jones of McLennan, Lang, McCorkle, McGinnis, Manion,

Mead, Parker, Peers, Pickett, Towles, Warren—19.